

## **Information on the Department of Defense 2008 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Conference**

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**BACKGROUND:** On 22 -24 July, 2008, the Department of Defense (DoD) will host a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Conference (SARC) for approximately 300 SARCs in Tampa, FL.

### **KEY POINTS:**

- Theme: “Making a Difference: Supporting Victims from Initial Report through the Military Justice Process.”
    - Content for 22 and 23 July will be provided by OSD SAPRO.
    - Content for 24 July will be provided by each Military Service for their Service attendees.
  - Purpose: Advance the SARCs’ working knowledge of resources that support victims through the process of making Restricted and Unrestricted Reports of sexual assault
  - Conference topics include:
    - DoD prevention strategies and training requirements
    - Confidentiality and Restricted Reporting
    - Special needs of victims exposed to both sexual assault and combat trauma
    - Victim care and support procedures
    - Program and case management
    - Victim experience in the military justice process
    - Alcohol and drug facilitated sexual assault
    - Sexual Assault as defined by the Uniform Code of Military Justice
    - Unit commander responsibilities to victims and offenders
    - Working with military attorneys, investigators, and commanders
    - Victims’ Rights and DoD Victim-Witness Assistance Program
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